

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The paragraph beginning on page 3, line 1, has been amended as follows:

--In one embodiment of the invention, compositions useful for preserving ophthalmic compositions are provided. Such compositions include a magainin antimicrobial peptide, an analog of a magainin antimicrobial peptide or a mixture thereof present in an amount effective as a preservative. This effective amount may be less than about 10 milligrams per milliliter or less than about 1 milligram per milliliter or less than about 0.1 milligram per milliliter. Also included in the compositions is a therapeutic component. In a particularly useful embodiment of the invention, the compositions comprise magainin antimicrobial peptides. In another particularly useful embodiment of the invention, the compositions comprise an analog of a magainin antimicrobial peptide comprising the amino acid sequence GIGKFLKKAKKFGKAFVKILKK (SEQ ID NO: 4). The compositions may also include water and an effective amount of a buffer to provide the compositions with a desired pH. Also, the compositions may include an effective amount of a tonicity component to provide the compositions with a desired osmolality.--

The paragraph beginning on page 3, line 30, has been amended as follows:

--In another embodiment of the invention, compositions useful for preserving ophthalmic compositions are provided. Such compositions include a magainin antimicrobial peptide, an analog of a magainin antimicrobial peptide or a mixture thereof present in an amount effective as a preservative. This effective amount may be

less than about 10 milligrams per milliliter or less than about 1 milligram per milliliter or less than about 0.1 milligram per milliliter. In this embodiment, a sole preservative is used in the compositions. In a particularly useful embodiment of the invention, the compositions comprise magainin antimicrobial peptides. In another particularly useful embodiment of the invention, the compositions comprise an analog of a magainin antimicrobial peptide comprising the amino acid sequence GIGKFLKKAKKFGKAFVKILKK (SEQ ID NO: 4). The compositions may also include water and an effective amount of a buffer to provide the compositions with a desired pH. Also, the compositions may include an effective amount of a tonicity component to provide the compositions with a desired osmolality.--

The paragraph beginning on page 4, line 18, has been amended as follows:

--In still another embodiment of the invention, compositions useful for preserving ophthalmic compositions are provided. Such compositions include a magainin antimicrobial peptide, an analog of a magainin antimicrobial peptide or a mixture thereof present in an amount effective as a preservative. This effective amount may be less than about 10 milligrams per milliliter or less than about 1 milligram per milliliter or less than about 0.1 milligram per milliliter. In this embodiment, the composition is an oil and water emulsion. In a particularly useful embodiment of the invention, the compositions comprise magainin antimicrobial peptides. In another particularly useful embodiment of the invention, the compositions comprise an analog of a magainin antimicrobial peptide comprising the amino acid sequence GIGKFLKKAKKFGKAFVKILKK (SEQ ID NO: 4). The compositions may also

include water and an effective amount of a buffer to provide the compositions with a desired pH. Also, the compositions may include an effective amount of a tonicity component to provide the compositions with a desired osmolality.--

The paragraph beginning on page 5, line 4, has been amended as follows:

--In still another embodiment of the invention, compositions useful for preserving ophthalmic compositions are provided. Such compositions include an analog of a magainin antimicrobial peptide comprising the amino acid sequence GIGKFLKKAKKFGKAFVKILKK (SEQ ID NO: 4) present in an amount effective as a preservative. This effective amount may be less than about 10 milligrams per milliliter or less than about 1 milligram per milliliter or less than about 0.1 milligram per milliliter. The compositions may also include water and an effective amount of a buffer to provide the compositions with a desired pH. Also, the compositions may include an effective amount of a tonicity component to provide the compositions with a desired osmolality.--

The paragraph beginning on page 6, line 16, has been amended as follows:

--The invention also provides for ophthalmic compositions which comprise magainin antimicrobial peptides, analogs of magainin antimicrobial peptides or mixtures thereof in an amount effective as a preservative. In a particularly useful embodiment of the invention, the compositions comprise an analog of a magainin antimicrobial peptide comprising the amino acid sequence

GIGKFLKKAKKFGKAFVKILKK (SEQ ID NO: 4). Also in a preferred embodiment, the composition is an oil-in-water emulsion and the composition is provided in a multidose format.--

The paragraph beginning on page 19, line 6, has been amended as follows:

--A surfactant component may be included in the present compositions. The surfactant component preferably is nonionic. Exemplary surfactant components include, but are not limited to, nonionic surfactants, for example, polysorbates (such as polysorbate 80-Trademark Tween® 80), 4-(1, 1, 3, 3-tetramethylbutyl) phenol/poly(oxyethylene) polymers (such as the polymer sold under the trademark Tyloxapol®), poly(oxyethylene)-poly(oxypropylene) block copolymers, glycolic esters of fatty acids and the like, and mixtures thereof. The surfactant may be selected from poly(oxyethylene)-poly(oxypropylene) block copolymers and mixtures thereof. Such surfactant components may be obtained commercially from the BASF Corporation under the trademark Pluronic®. Such block copolymers may be generally described as polyoxyethylene/polyoxypropylene condensation polymers terminated in primary hydroxyl groups.--